

## PEARY ADDS PLEA TO SAVE MUSK OX

**Says Finest of Any Known  
Animal Will Prove Tracta-  
ble; Easily Raised.**

## DISEASE ONLY OBSTACLE

**By REAR-ADMIRAL ROBERT E. FEARY.**

Naturally I am interested in Stefansson's suggestion in regard to perpetuating and domesticating the musk ox. The same thing was suggested some years ago by the American Bison Society, and still earlier than that by some man whose name I do not now recall who corresponded quite freely with me on the subject.

There is no question but what the musk ox could be effectively perpetuated in our northwestern regions. The meat is of an excellent character and easily raised. The meat is as good as any beef. Its wool in length of staple, strength, warmth and silky softness is

One possible obstacle to raising the musk ox occurs to me. That is, that the musk ox, living for generations in a region free from bacteria and bacilli, may, if transported to lower latitudes and within the wind influence from diseased cattle, might, like the Eskimos themselves, be so susceptible to disease

and contagion that it would be impossible to keep the herds in existence.

## BIRDS VS. CATS.

**Massachusetts Urges Restraint  
Placed Upon Tabby.**

Boston, Mass. June 1.—"The nesting season of the birds has arrived. Whether or not there will be the desired increase in birds this season depends very largely on the protection which will be received by the adult birds during the hatching period and the young birds until they can fly and have learned to shift for themselves," says a poster issued to-day by the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game.

"One of the greatest menaces to the

bird life of the country to-day is the house cat," continued the poster. "There are very few cats which, if given the opportunity, will not kill a mother bird on the nest or a helpless fledgling fluttering around on the ground."

"The great tragedy is as likely to occur in the clematis along the porch, or in the flower garden, as it is in the remote places frequented by the so-called

'This is no attempt to indict the cat. We have great sympathy for and appreciation of the affection between tabby and her owner. We are simply asking

"We earnestly ask the owner of every house cat during the next three months to assume the responsibility of seeing that the cat will not be given an opportunity to kill birds.

"The country is at war. To win the war we must have food. It is common knowledge that the birds are a tremendous factor in the protection of the food

supply from insects. Cats if unrestrained, especially at this season, will tremendously weaken that protection. The logic is simple. The birds are trying to do their bit. Let us all help them."

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